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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Small Business Development and Acceleration Center Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brooklyn Park located at 5200 85th Ave North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443. The funding would be used to make capital improvements and general rehabilitation for the property that is selected to house the Small Business Center.

The project also includes acceleration technical support for growing entrepreneurs, with a specific emphasis on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) business owners. Specific support includes business-to-business networking and partnership opportunities, business basics of bookkeeping, marketing, staffing, and tax preparation, and procurement connections to larger businesses in District 3. This project will increase the tax base in the City of Brooklyn Park by occupying a vacant space reducing the overall tax burden on individual households. It also provides more opportunities for business start-ups and growth in the City while creating jobs close to home for Brooklyn Park residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Please know that I appreciate your consideration of my requests and look forward to working with you as the appropriations process moves forward. If you have questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dean Phillips Member of Congress